

burial. But the town need not have consisted of houses standing side by side and standing in streets or lanes. The tract of land on which it was situated was enjoyed by a separate \*community, and it mattered **66** nothing if the houses were scattered up and down the township. Indeed, a town may, it is said, be a very good town although not a house remains standing. In Ireland the word retains its original signification, and according to Miss Edgeworth, English visitors are often perplexed by its application. Now, if dower has been received in the same parish or in any other territorial subdivision, but not out of the same town, the writ will not be abated. And thirdly, the dower must have been received before the writ purchased, 2 Inst. 261.

Where the widow has so received part of her dower, she is put to her *writ of right of dower* to recover the residue, F. N. B. 8 C.

## A STATUTE

### DE OFFICIO CORONATORIS,

Made *Ann. 4 EDW. I. Stat. 2, and A. D. 1276.*

#### Of What Things a Coroner shall inquire.

A Coroner of our Lord the King ought to inquire of these things, if he be certified by the King's Bailiffs, or other honest Men of the Country: First, he shall go to the Places where any be slain, or suddenly dead, or wounded, or where Houses are broken, or where Treasure is said to be found, and shall forthwith command four of the next Towns, or five, or six, to appear before him in such a Place; (2) and when they are come thither, the Coroner upon the Oath of them shall inquire in this manner, that is to wit, If they know where

Hec sunt inquirenda a coronatoribus domini regis: In primis, quum coronatores habent mandatum a ballivis domini regis, vel a probis hominibus patrie, quod accedant ad occisos, vel ad subito mortuos, vel ablatos, vel domorum fractores, vel ad locum ubi dictur thesaurum esse inventum, statim accedant, & statim debent mandare quatuor villatis, vel quinque, vel sex vicinis, quod sint coram ipsis tali loco; & cum venerint, coronatores ad sacramentum illorum debent facere inquisitionem in hac forma; scil. Si fuerit de homine occiso, primo